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Partners for Fish & Wildlife



Congressional District #22

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"We are really happy with the (Partners for Fish and Wildlife) Program and enjoy our wetland. The neighbors also enjoy the wildlife it attracts" said Jackie Keenen about the

wetlands restored on her property 10 years ago. Ms. Keenen is one of the 2,500 landowners in the State who have joined with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to restore wildlife habitat on their lands.

Through its innovative Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program, the Service provides technical assistance and funding to help

landowners like Ms. Keenen realize their goal of making their land a better place for wildlife and in the process a better place for themselves.

Partners for Fish and Wildlife Accomplishments In Congressional District 22

Number of Landowners with Completed Projects	40
Acres of Wetland Habitat Restored	223
Acres of Grassland Habitat Restored	290
Miles of Riparian Habitat Restored	1
Number of Sites Restored	112
Number of Landowners Participating in PFW	111
Number of Landowners on the Waiting list	11
Number of Fish Passage Projects	2

Accomplishments



Beetle Damage on
Purple Loosestrife
Plant



New York State's Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program was initiated in 1990 to restore wetland habitat for waterfowl and other migratory birds. Since then the Partners Program has been very active in Congressional District 22 restoring all types of wildlife habitat for the benefit of a variety of wildlife species, and of course the landowners as well.

Many projects in District 22 involve the removal of invasive species, like purple loosestrife. Galarucella beetles are released on projects where purple loosestrife has taken over. The beetles only eat purple loosestrife which stresses the plant enough to allow other native wetland plants to grow in the project area. Approximately 10 projects in Congressional District 22 have had beetles released on them and the landowners are happy with the results.

Goals

- To restore 1000 acres of wetland habitat for waterfowl, water birds, and song birds.
- To restore 800 acres of grassland habitat for grassland nesting birds like the bobolink.
- Removal of 500 acres of invasive species for the benefit of Federal trust resources.
- To restore 8 miles of streams using natural channel design.

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